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Well, 2003, a new year and a new future for SUFOG one would hope. So far, 2003 has started slowly for the group, but, we will hopefully see interest rise sharply. You will all find enclosed in the next edition of the newsletter full details of our open day in October and ticket application forms. As you will read further in the newsletter, this is promised to be a rather special day. I appreciate that it is a long way off, BUT, we have a very special speaker all the way from America making a special appearance. Also I will enclosing posters/handouts for members in a hope that they can advertise this event through which ever media that think relevant. It should be a great open day and after our 2002 effort, this will be a 100% improvement. So, please start spreading the word, as we need between 40 - 50 people to make the event a success (Unlike 2002).

This year will see a lot more advertising of the group and if readers have any ideas regarding this, then please, let me know. I will be working on posters (A4 and A3 size colour) over the next few months and I am hoping that we can advertise the group far and wide throughout Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (If anyone has any contacts on the Isle of Wight who could help with this, then please

contact me). I am looking at maybe starting a small branch on the island, with a contact I have there and maybe holding a lecture on the island during 2003 / 2004 to promote the group.

So far this year has seen me appearing on radio Solent 'Curious Questions Answered' which was very 'amusing' as the questions seem always to be based around the same questions, but just re-worded. Also, we have had one or two UFO sightings/reports and we have just received a report from the Isle of Wight, which I will be making an appeal through the local Islands newspaper and see what response we receive.

I am trying to make the newsletter more UFO content related and I have this month dropped a number of articles that I mentioned from the last newsletter that will appear in this edition. I have received some criticism about the content and as these are valid points, I am currently looking at having more 'UFO' related articles and hopefully this will make the newsletter more enjoyable. I still want members to write in with their experiences, sightings and articles, but I may have to be ruthless in what I publish to balance out the UFO material content that many members require.

We have to make 2003/4 a year of publicity for the group as membership is on a slight downward curve. In August we will be holding our annual Avebury Sky-watch and joining up with other groups in an attempt to have a close encounter of some kind, hopefully !!

Remember, we are holding our monthly meetings and if you can spare just 3 hrs a month, please come along and join in with other members in a friendly atmosphere. Meetings cost only £3 per person and what can you get for around £1 an hour these days. I promise we will not bite and we all share in the same experiences and have the same questions that we are trying to find the answers to. Lest hope 2003/4 is the year of the UFOlogist and for SUFOG.

Steve Gerrard (Chairman)

Farnborough's close encounter

FARNBOROUGH'S close encounter of the third kind was revealed this week.

Documents recently discovered in Government archives reveal a specialist team of MOD investigators, including scientists and intelligence experts came to Farnborough in August 1950 to investigate UFO sightings.

The team arrived following reports of mysterious aircraft performing amazing high-speed maneuvers two of only three UFO reports deemed reliable and worthy of further investigation by the Flying Saucer Working Party that covered the nation.

An experienced test pilot, RAF Flight Lieutenant Hubbard, reported he had seen "a flat disc, light pearl in color, about 50ft in diameter" flying low at speeds of 800 to 1,000mph over the town.

Two weeks later Flt. Lt. Hubbard came forward again to say he had seen another disc-shaped object low in the sky in the direction of Farnham and this time it had been seen by five other senior RAF officers too.

All six were interrogated by the MOD team and banned from discussing their experience in public. When the team produced their report on the Farnborough UFO's they concluded the pilot's first sighting was an optical illusion on the basis the object could not have flown so low and fast without other people seeing it.

The testimony of the five officers was undermined by the MOD saying they had already been influenced by the Hubbard's original report when they saw their spaceship, and that it was probably a normal aircraft that seemed unusual because it was seen maneuvering in the distance.

Syd Foster, 85, a retired aircraft designer and Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society, said: "The sightings in Farnborough caused a bit of a fuss. It wasn't confirmed but if it was a RAF pilot who said about it then I would back them in that because, although

they're up in the air, they've got their feet on the ground, if you know what I mean.

"They would not have sensationalized what they had seen. Civilian pilots today see all sorts of things up there too.

"I am not a sensational person. What I say is based on fact. Like all knowledgeable people I know that there is some other life out there and we have the evidence to prove it.

"I am fully convinced that now, at the beginning of the 21st Century, we are getting more involved with the subject and preparing for when we actually see them."

Cynics may choose to ridicule and discard the claims of UFO enthusiasts but it may interest readers to know that some parts of the report still remain classified - who knows what we will learn when these hidden sections are revealed?

Brighton Evening Argus 03 September

2002: Police helicopter chases UFO

by Barbara Davidson

A police helicopter went on a dramatic high-speed chase - in pursuit of some little green men.

The tale of the unexpected began when a suspected UFO was spotted next to the Sussex Police vehicle as it flew 1,000ft above Brighton.

Inside, crew members Sergeant John Tickner and paramedic Sean Mitchell sat mesmerized as the glowing object floated next to them before disappearing into the distance. They were so stunned they decided to follow it and used a thermal imaging camera to video events as they chased the mystery object for three minutes before giving up and returning to base.

Now their video is being pored over by UFO enthusiasts around the world in the belief it could provide evidence of life on other planets.

Experts say they are baffled by the Brighton phenomenon. But both Mr. Tickner and Mr. Mitchell are convinced they did not witness a close encounter of the third kind.

Mr. Tickner, 50, who retired last week after 30 years with Sussex Police, said: "We were flying back from Beachy Head and at 1,000ft we didn't expect anything to join us. Not for a moment did we believe it to be anything sinister.

"We thought it was funny though so we chased it

around for three minutes and were laughing and joking about little green men. None of us took it seriously."

The bizarre incident happened on the evening of August 11, 2000.

The crew passed the film footage to a TV company making a documentary about their work.

The story was picked up by a magazine and the film has been screened at a UFO conference.

BBC Web Site..

Tuesday, 3 December, 2002.

UFO case blocked by MoD

The MoD's "culture of secrecy" has been criticized

Details of one of Britain's most famous UFO scares was among information repeatedly suppressed by government defense chiefs, according to a Westminster watchdog.

Parliamentary Ombudsman Ann Abraham said the Ministry of Defense (MoD) had broken open government rules three times in recent months over cases including the Rendlesham Forest UFO scare.

Details of the alleged sighting at an RAF base more than 20 years ago were released last week after the Ombudsman ruled the MoD were wrongly suppressing them.

The so-called 'Rendlesham File' details the sighting of a "glowing" triangular object by US Air Force police in Rendlesham Forest, near RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk.

Pulsating lights

The documents had only previously been made available to about 20 people who used the American Freedom of Information Act to gain access to them.

In the early hours of 27 December 1980, a number of US Air Force men witnessed the object hover in the darkness, transmitting blue pulsating lights and sending nearby farm animals into a "frenzy".

In a report titled "Unexplained Lights", USAF Lt Col Charles I Halt, Deputy Base Commander at RAF Bentwaters, adjacent to Woodbridge, told how he witnessed an object emitting a "red sun-like light" moving through the trees.

Skeptics say the witnesses were fooled by the beam from a lighthouse on the nearby coast.

While the actual documents had not been released, the details were widely known, the Ombudsman said in her report.

"Given their age and the fact that these documents contained no information not already in the public domain, the Ombudsman saw no reason why they could not be disclosed," the report said.

Complaints about the MoD's refusal to list countries prioritized for arms sales or reveal details of an armed services survey were also upheld.

Former defense minister Peter Kilfoyle said the examples outlined in the report on the Ombudsman's work between May and October were symptomatic of a "culture of secrecy" in the MoD.

Veil of secrecy

"It is one of those departments that have always opposed freedom of information and are not very attuned to what is required in a modern, open and accountable government," he said.

"Other departments and Whitehall as a whole have a problem with openness but the MoD is one of the more incorrigible cases of government by secrecy," he said.

The Ombudsman also partially upheld complaints against the Cabinet Office, DVLA, Driving Standards Agency and the Department for Work and Pensions, the report revealed.

Restrictions on the MoD's "Rendlesham File" were dropped as part of an opening-up of the inner workings of Whitehall.

Ministers are attempting to lift the official veil of secrecy by repealing or amending a raft of legislation banning access to information.

Government departments will now be required to release information on the internal workings of Whitehall, including minutes of meetings of top civil servants.

Ministers say they will repeal or amend up to 100 items of legislation which are currently prohibited from disclosure.

Should restrictions on access to information be lifted? Do UFOs really exist?

We can't have the population panicked by probably UFO hoaxes and if we do meet life from other planets it will need to be dealt with very carefully not as some public freak show. I support disclosures about arms sales though, we need to

see which murderous regimes our taxes are helping to support. **Cyril Parsons, England**

I bet they won't release the video footage!!!
Ken Hall, UK

If the governments and the MoD are constantly saying that UFOs don't exist then WHY do they keep it under wraps? There are thousand of witnesses to the contrary and stories of MoD cover ups. Release the un-edited information now.

Kevin Hunt, Scotland

UFOs do not exist. It is just the army or a secret mission of spy or army personnel doing something illegal and wanting to hide from people. Easy access to information is the basic right of every human being. I am wondering how come in this civilized world, access to information is still restricted.
Anon, UK

The MoD has a "culture of secrecy"? What a joke! Next they'll be saying that MI5 has a culture of eavesdropping. Sure, some vital information of great public interest and importance should be open but defense is vital to the nation's security and a level of secrecy is a part of that. The Rendlesham UFO information is largely irrelevant to the public and to make such a fuss about it is ridiculous. **Andy, UK**
Grrr... of course UFOs exist. UFO = "unidentified flying object", doesn't have to be alien-flying-saucer related.

Do we really think that the human race could deal with the fact that, out there is a far stronger, more intelligent life force than our own? I certainly don't think so, just imagine the panic. It's better we don't know. **Michael East, UK**

Rumours abound in that part of Suffolk. From the radar tests in WWII to the rumors about nuclear testing in Orford Ness, East Anglia has always had a reputation for being a little odd. What I really want to know though, is after the Rendlesham sighting, did the US Air Force really remove one square mile of topsoil around the area where the UFO was seen? This was the other part of the Rendlesham rumor I heard... **Jamie, Chiswick**

Thursday, 28 November, 2002,
17:32 GMT

Ministers lift lid on UFO secrets

Secret information could be made available details of a mysterious "glowing" UFO seen close to an RAF base more than 20 years ago have been released under the Freedom of Information Act.

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From this Sunday government departments will be required to release information on the internal workings of Whitehall, including minutes of meetings of top civil servants.

'Pulsating lights'

But it is the UFO sighting contained in secret files that is most likely to spark the public's imagination.

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'Frank discussions'

Details of the bizarre sighting were revealed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which will not be fully implemented until 2005.

Ministers say they will repeal or amend up to 100 items of legislation which are currently prohibited from disclosure.

But the government faces anger over its decision not to extend this to ministerial meetings.

Freedom of information minister Yvette Cooper said: "Ministers have to be able to have free and frank discussions in order to make decisions."

Announcing the changes, she stressed: "These first steps mark important progress towards changing the culture of government and extending the public's right to know what is being done in their name.

"We are talking about changes that will have a substantial impact on openness and transparency and the way in which decisions are made across government, improving accountability but also, I think, improving the public debate as well."

Among the measures is an amendment to section 28 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, which will order the Health and Safety Commission and Executive to reveal information where there is a clear public interest in doing so.

Drug licensing

The Departments of Health and Environment, Food and Rural Affairs are considering repealing section 118 of the Medicines Act 1968, which would remove a ban on releasing details concerning clinical trials.

Pending a consultation exercise to be launched next month, the section will be replaced with a measure to disclose information on clinical trials if it is in the public interest.

This would help members of the public to view the reasons for licensing decisions on drugs, for example.

The government has also published its review of 400 items of legislation which prohibit the release of information.

Some 79 statutory bars will remain in place, 97 are to be repealed or amended, while 224 are still under review.

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SUFOG Achievements for **2002.**

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| 4.1.02 : Portsmouth News newspaper : Ernie Sears. | 3-4.8.02 : SUFOG Avebury Sky Watch :
Steve Gerrard. |
| 11.1.02 : Meridian Television interview :
Steve Gerrard and Ernie Sears. | 22.8.02 : Isle of Wight County Press :
Steve Gerrard. |
| 18.1.02 : Farnborough News newspaper :
Steve Gerrard. | 24.8.02 : Portsmouth News : Steve Gerrard |
| 10.3.02 : Meridian TV :
Ernie Sears and Steve Gerrard. | 28.8.02 : BBC Web Page set up :
Steve Rider and Steve Gerrard |
| 16.3.02 : London Talk (SPI England) : Steve Gerrard. | 30.8.02 : Crop Circle Convention, Andover
(Table) : Steve Gerrard. |
| 19.3.02 : The Holistic Experience Group, Fareham
lecture : Steve Rider. | 00.08.02 : UFO Magazine : SUFOG Article :
Ernie Sears. |
| 7.4.02 : Dorchester Conference : Steve Gerrard. | 00.08.02 : UFO Magazine :
SUFOG at Janus Concert :
Steve Gerrard and Steve Rider. |
| 00.6.02 : UFO Magazine : Ernie Sears. (Letter) | 00.09.02 : Australian UFO Bulletin :
SUFOG thanked in general. |
| 14.6.02 : Filming At Devil's Punch Bowl for
Southern Ways (BBC TV).
Steve Gerrard, Steve Rider, Ernie Sears and SUFOG
members. | 4.9.02 : Isle of Wight County Press :
Steve Gerrard |
| 19.6.02 : Southern Ways UFO Week : SUFOG. | 13.9.02 : Southampton Evening Echo :
Ernie Sears (Letter) |
| 23.6.02 : Radio Solent : Steve Gerrard. | 20.9.02 – 22.9.02 : Leeds Conference :
Steve Rider and Steve Gerrard. |
| 23.6.02 : Radio Solent : Steve Rider. | 1.10.02 : Radio Solent : Curious Questions
Answered : Steve Gerrard |
| 1.7.02 : Southampton Evening Echo :
Ernie Sears (Letter) | 22.10.02 : SouthamptonTV (Live Program) :
Steve Gerrard |
| 10.7.02 : WI HQ lecture in Winchester :
Steve Gerrard and Steve Rider. | 00.11.02 : UFO Magazine : Review of
SUFOG lecture :
Steve Gerrard and Steve Rider. |
| 11.7.02 : Radio Solent : Curious Questions
Answered : Steve Gerrard. | 24.11.02 : UK Horizons : Paranormal UK :
Southampton UFO.
Steve Gerrard, Steve Rider, Ernie Sears. |
| 12.7.02 : Janus Conference : London : Steve Gerrard
and Steve Rider. | |
| 18.7.02 : WI Portsmouth Lecture : Steve Gerrard and
Steve Rider. | |

As you can see from the above, we had a very successful year in 2002 and one would hope that, 2003 will be just as successful.

From Sunday, every government department will be expected to promote its "publication schemes" or information which is being made available, mainly via the Internet.

Did Americans and Russians fly to the Moon, or were all so-called "Moon flights" faked?

By Der Voron, author of book "Unidentified Flying Objects: Starcraft"

It may be that American and Russian astronauts never flied to the Moon. Because of a very simple thing: Take-off after landing on the Moon To take off, the spacecraft, both modern and of that time (60-70s), needs a carrier rocket weighing many hundreds of tons, hundreds of tons of fuel for it, and powerful space-vehicle launching site.

How to take all this with a spacecraft to be able to take off from the Moon after landing on it? The mid-rank carrier rocket Ariane-5, for example, weighs 750 tons (the rocket itself and the fuel), and the "lite" carrier rocket Dnepr-1 (created basing on strategic intercontinental ballistic missile SS-18 Satan) weighs 211 tons. They develop the power of about 10-20mn KWt. We certainly can take in account that a rocket able to launch a spacecraft from the Moon should have the power of about 6 times less than here on the Earth (as the Moon gravitation is 6 times smaller), but even in this case the rocket would weigh $750/6$, which equals to about 125 tons (the rocket and the fuel), plus the weight of details for deploying a temporary launching site. Even if the weight of these details equals to the minimum possible weight of about 50 tons, then the spacecraft should be able to take with itself a minimum weight of ~175 tons. No such spacecraft were developed before the flight to the Moon, none even close to that; today's most powerful spacecraft's weight carrying capabilities couldn't approach even the numbers thrice smaller than this (for example, one of the most modern Russian carrier rockets, Titan-4, which is approximately equal to Space Shuttle carrier rocket by its parameters, is able to carry only about 17.5 tons of weight). The official story of American flights to the Moon -- about Russian

flights see below -- says that larger command module rocket "Columbia" remained in lunar orbit while the lunar module "Eagle" separated and descended with firing retro rockets to the lunar surface. The astronauts exited "Eagle" to take pictures and recover lunar material from the surface. They then returned to the lunar Lander module to return back to the "Columbia" command module. The "Columbia" broke out of lunar orbit to go back to Earth and splash down with parachutes.

If even we suppose that several carrier rockets like "Columbia" could deliver all this to the Moon in several lunar modules "Eagles" (seems this should have been a very hard task for such modules to land on the Moon since the Moon has no atmosphere, which diminishes the speed of similar modules when these land on the Earth), then how was for example the Lunar launching site deployed? On-site by astronauts in spacesuits? Or did they return to "Columbia", "which remained in lunar orbit", using the rope that was hanging out of it?

Unless we assume that already at that time NASA could build an antigravitation craft -- also referred to as antigrav, starcraft, starship, and flying saucer -- for which all the described obstacles just don't exist. (Such a device is not necessarily able to fly to stars, this depends on its capacities, i.e. it is its construction that determines whether it will be able to fly to stars or only to Sun system's planets or planet satellites. Antigrav means only that the device uses antigravitation for flying -- not wings, rotors etc. Its velocity can vary from 10 meters per second to overlight speeds, this depends on what its capacities are.) This seems more reasonable, taking in account that the American flag and a plaque with inscriptions on it next to the flag are reported, by many persons who visit observatories, to be clearly seen on the Moon surface. But this means NASA had antigravs already in those remote times, and that it has them now... Or did they borrow it from an extraterrestrial civilization (Zetas Reticuli, hominoids from Orion, or maybe those who mutilate cattle)? One detail maybe directly advise us that this might have taken place: one of astronauts, during the first flight that was translated by television, was talking directly on the air that he was seeing giant artificial objects. Perhaps the aliens put such a condition for the lease of their craft: to tell directly on the air

something that would evidently show the listeners that the astronauts met craft of another civilization? This may be confirmed by the following fact: just several years later the American Congress gathered to acknowledge the existence of extraterrestrials in a special report.

The NASA photo below, with its absolutely impossible (for the lunar landscape) shadows -- like if they were made with the use of different projectors shining at different angles -- can be an additional proof of all told above. Maybe NASA, let's say, "feels a shame" for the mystification, and therefore provided such photos as hidden hints? Or, more probably, did they provide contradictory materials to entangle all this more and more?

Or maybe NASA astronauts still visited the Moon (in the antigrav) and videoed/photoed all what is claimed to be lunar videos and photos, but these got of such a poor quality due to some details of lunar atmosphere and climate that NASA decided to order new "better looking" videos/photos to Hollywood? Then we understand why there are such errors in them...

We think Russians, shocked by such a "challenge" from NASA, in turn invented their own "success story" about "flying to the Moon" and "taking samples of lunar rocks" by their "Lunohods". Or did the Soviets also create antigravs or receive them from another civilization?

Hi,
Hope you are all well?

This is just a quick note to inform you all that our site [WWW.hullufosociety.moonfruit.com](http://www.hullufosociety.moonfruit.com) has now officially closed and all the details below are correct and can be used where you see fit: Could you please advertise our new and improved site were ever possible, the link can be found at:

<http://www.hufos.karoo.net/homepage.html>

Don't forget to change any old links you may have of ours. Thanx ;-)

It features everything any budding UFO Investigator, Researcher or any interested party would want and like to read.....

Homepage - Introduction to Hull UFO Society

HUFOS Investigators - This is the place to put a face to those names:

HUFOS Meeting Dates - Dates and information about our Monthly Meetings

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HUFOS Members Profiles - This will feature interviews with some of our members to give you an insight into HUFOS

Past Speakers Profiles - This will tell you information about some of the speakers we have had giving lectures at our meetings

HUFOS Lectures - Features some of the lectures we have given at our monthly meetings

SUFOG DIARY - 2003... **(All Meeting £3.00)**

March 19th 2003 :
SFOG Quiz night (UFO Prizes) and
Open Discussion.

April 16th 2003 :
Video Evening

May 14th 2003 :
Open Discussion.

June 20th 2003 :
Video Evening.

July 16th 2003 :
Open Discussion.

Aug : Avebury Weekend

Aug 20th 2003 :
Video Evening.

Sept 17th 2003 :
SUFOG Quiz night (UFO Prizes)
And Open Discussion.

Oct 15th 2003 :
Very Special meeting (Ticket Only)
(More Details to Follow in 2003)

Oct 18th 2003 : SUFOG Open Day.

Nov 19th 2003 :
Video Evening.

Dec 17th 2003 :
SUFOG Christmas meeting.
Open Discussion.

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..

Local Sightings - Gives brief description from witness statements and features witness drawings

Full Case Investigations - Give descriptions of sightings, along with Video stills, Police, Airport, RAF and MOD letters

Misidentified Cases - Features cases misidentified UFO sightings, etc.

Skywatching - Information how to hold a safe Skywatch along with actual Skywatch reports HUFOS have been organised

Strange Encounters In Time - Tells the tale of UFO sightings reported to us from the past

Conspiracy Corner - Features Conspiracies, you the reader have written

Alien Face At The Window - Is an exclusive as the photographs of this section accompany the witness statements

UFO At Rendlesham - Gives you information about the "British Roswell" incident which happened in Suffolk back in December 1980

The Orb's Phenomenon - This section is devoted to 'Orb's' Pictures we have taken ourselves in various haunted locations and pictures we have been sent in.

Ghostly Tales From Yorkshire - Will, when complete, feature information about ghostly locations in and around Yorkshire.

News In General - Gets updated daily as the news reports come in

Newspaper Clippings - Will show you all UFO related newspaper clippings **(Awaiting Permission)**

Book Reviews - Gives reviews of books read by you the people of the World

Video Reviews - Again, gives reviews of video's watched by you the people of the World

Links - Here are links to other important Paranormal Sites.

Although there may not look like there is much here, looks are deceiving. All pages have links to other pages within the website and all pictures on the site are thumbnails, so the page will load very fast even for the people (Like myself) on dial up connection. If, however, you would like to look at the pictures closer, just left click them and they will open up another window for your viewing pleasure. **(Please don't forget though, that all pictures are copyright of Hull UFO Society or other named sources and if you would like to use any information from our website, please contact us first at the address, email or phone numbers below.)**

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Hull UFO Society

Monthly meetings will be held at
"The Friends Meeting House"
Percy Street,

Hull.

The meeting dates are always the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Times for all meeting are 7.30pm - 10.00pm.

Admission to Normal Meetings - £1.30, Special Meetings - *£2.30.

Raffle and Refreshments are available.

Our monthly meeting consists of talks about the UFO Phenomenon and other related subjects. A typical monthly meeting starts off with an introduction of the evenings events; News of the Latest World Wide and British UFO Sightings; Our sightings investigators will tell you about their latest cases; While, during the break, you can have a coffee and a chat with our investigators and other people interested in UFOlogy, and you can also purchase tickets for the raffle which will be drawn at the end of the evening; We also show video footage taken by investigators and members; At the end of the evening we give you the dates for the Official HUFOS Skywatches.

If you can't make any of the meetings, why not subscribe to our bi-monthly magazine. UFO INFO Network magazine is a joint magazine brought to you by Hull UFO Society and Yorkshire UFO Info. You can purchase UFO Info Magazine for a £1 an issue from our monthly meetings or why not subscribe to 6 issues for only £5, you not only get it delivered right to your door, but you also save money!

Remember: Look Up To The Skies, See Something, Report It!!!

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Wednesday 15th January 2003.

I appeared on Radio Solent's 'Curious Questions Answered', when listeners ring in with questions and they get an expert on the program for 10mins or so to answer them. This is the 4th time I have participated and I enjoy it very much. The questions were not too difficult, but I had to ring the group secretary Steve Rider prior to the program to just get my facts right !!!

Steve Gerrard (SFOG Chairman)



NEWSPAPER REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

Well, since the "TAKEN" series dominates the media from or about January 12th "Cuttings" breaks tradition this issue so, here goes with **THE SUNDAY EXPRESS** warning us all not be taken (whoops!) in 'by this American Schmaltz' says David Stephenson, while **THE SUNDAY TIMES** earlier sums up the series by 'the aliens have greater credibility than the humans', the Weekend Mail does well but concludes that their critic says 'call me an old sceptic, but I found this too much to ask' (So I wrote and called him an old sceptic!) **THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH** says 'best sci-fi' in their TV progs, **THE DAILY TELEGRAPH** goes on with a Pick of the Day special on "TAKEN", Gerrard O'Donovan giving approval of it except 'Spielberg's appeal to schmaltz simply doesn't grip as well as good old -fashioned horror'. **THE DAILY TELEGRAPH** did a beautiful front cover in full colour for their 11th to 17th Jan TV magazine featuring a collection of people gazing skywards with stunned and highlighted faces. 12th January and pressure still on with **THE SUNDAY EXPRESS** a "Taken to the extreme" two page spread featuring various "paranormal" legends.. The Loch Ness "monster's official Fan Club set up after it's founder's sighting in 1998, Ros Reynold's account of her encounter in 1982..' aliens removed my uterus and then put it back', and Alan Godfrey's 1980 encounter as a police officer when his "bus" turned out to be something else! **THE DAILY MAIL** of Jan 15th ran an impressive looking colour item on strange looking objects allegedly filmed by NASA from their SOHO "solar satellite" and seemingly travelling on a "super highway".. I have some prior knowledge of this from people working for

the Marconi company... wary though they were! A real humdinger huge two pager by **THE DAILY MAIL**.. probable date 11th Jan.. spurred by "TAKEN" asked 'is the real truth about alien abductions about to be revealed? in BIG LETTERS! illustrated by a Travis Walton shot and a blooming "grey" face...a very down to earth and factual script by Geoffrey Wansell. Byan Appleyard.. author and possible UFO critic.. has two pages in "Close Encounters of the absurd kind" which says it all illustrated by ET, Close Encounters of third Kind, Solaris (film out Feb 28th) and Taken.. newspaper unknown.. possibly GUARDIAN. Right up to date as I write **THE TIMES** of Feb 8th has a quarter page on Hubble telescope 'rewriting the theory of time and space'... surprising differences in theories hitherto.. 'time moving in a constant seamless flow' and 'variations in the speed of light', 'infinite temperature in the Universe' etc etc. Cannot better conclude this by quoting 'consternation', 'Problems', etc caused to astro-phycists by the latest discoveries. While many of us will nod our old heads wisely!



MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

UFO MAGAZINE... January and February.. provides mostly interesting.. even gripping.. articles... foo fighters revisited, a 'myriad of UFO reports, sightings etc..those eight sightings in four days last September around Southampton still ignored, though! Coincidence that Turkish photo evidence totally resembles the Columbia disster. More police reports. Cattle mutilations. "Rod" news reel film. Spielberg's "Taken" in-depth. Alien clones. More UFO reports.. not ours, though! Book reviews. ancient "art" evidences.. Much much more.. some loses the interest of dedicated UFOlogists though. Still £2.50 from

most good newsagents

EYE MAGAZINE the brainchild of Chris Evers and Gary Anthony.. "For UFOlogists By UFOlogists" issue 4 has Spanish declassifications, Pages of that Silpho Saucer circa 1957..I recall it being labelled a "student prank" so why dig it up. Reviews. EYE on Space. That Brighton UFO film controversy. Nicely printed 31 page pocket sized mag. 24 Chesnut Ave. Queens Road, Hull. HU5 2RH
RAPPORT MAGAZINE. special full colour November/December issue of the London based Witness Support Group. Optional donation suggested £1.50. Interesting articles, readers letters, UFO based\related. Starchild skull evaluation. Disturbing Australian Pine Gap disclosures. SUFOG's Ernie Sears (Me!) has regular column. Mike Rutter, Editor. Group founded by abductees in 1990.

THE AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN has loads of interesting items in its pocket sized issues.. Editorial by President Judith Magee outlines the good membership support from near and far away. Paul Norman's "On The UFO Trail", "Brown Mountain Lights", "Crop Circles", International sighting reports and Victorian, Australia, ditto. UFO Encountered. Much more shows how "Down Under" sees much and is more open about such. Membership enquiries to The Victorian UFO Research Society, PO Box 1043, Moorbbin, VIC.,3189, Australia. Well worth subscribing to.

NEW BUFORA JOURNAL.. two, issues, OCTOBER/DECEMBER.. the Welsh Machynlleth "landing" 1975 featured on smart cover and in contents.. my own "coincidences" on that incident "weird" as it spans the years. Sightings from Sri Lanka. From Here and There. Editor Norman Oliver on those "Brown Mountain Lights" in an earlier issue.. coincidence? see Australian review. Joe Simonton's "pancakes"! Cumbrian Classic 1977. More. UFO aircraft interference effects.

AWARENESS in a smart light blue cover pocket sized product of Contact International UFO Research. Geoff Ambler's Editorial highlights public shootings and the culprits and links such with UFO etc cover-ups.. 'if in doubt arrest the village idiot' where 'objectivity is thrown out the door to get an awkward situation into court'. Ties in with modern official edicts.. 'no room for unknowns'. We've seen that with

our own group Southampton Water videos\sightings\repeats, eh? Packed with interesting articles.. The Tonbridge photo, another Tunguska event in China?. MOD investigate radiation on personnel. Rendlesham. Historical cases by Michael Soper. Readers sightings. Crop Circles 2002. That Starchild project again. The David Bowie Status report. My own "Coincidences" article.. still ongoing! etc etc etc., Address all enquiries to PO Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL

THE AMERICAN UFO JOURNAL www.americanufojournal.com..date spring 2002...well produced A4 sized and umpteen pages.. photos, sightings, research, Encounters past and, present orbs, Bigfoot. nuts and bolts sightings, triangles, multi witnessed encounters, USSR encounters, otherwise totally USA? Contact website above for subs etc.

Time To Think!

by Brian P James

This is first of what I hope will be an occasional series – not so much articles, but observations and comments on various facets of paranormal-type events. Some of these may seem controversial and designed to provoke comment – and you'd be right! There are many little facets of paranormal reports and events that tend to be accepted, but when thought about in the cold light of day, make me think "This does not compute!" (to quote a certain robot), and which deserve wider and greater thought...

Vehicle Interference Effects

The subject of vehicle interference has become well-known, mostly in the realm of UFO close encounters, although such cases are not unknown amongst the lore of other paranormal sightings. How do we draw definitive lines between alien encounters and an 'old fashioned' ghost – this usually starts in the witnesses mind.

Cases of vehicle stops during UFO encounters are well documented – the classic scenario being that during a close encounter a vehicle's lights will dim and fail, and the vehicle's engine will lose power and eventually stall. Various research works have

been published on this type of phenomena, with theories as to the physics involved in how a vehicle's electrics are so affected.

However, my observation here isn't on the vehicle stoppages, but the 'counter-phenomena' of vehicle restarts – just how does this happen? The internal combustion engine only runs when the fuel/air mixture is compressed to the point where it can be ignited by either the spark plugs or glow plugs (depending on whether the fuel is petrol or diesel). In modern cars this combustion cycle needs have the engine turning over at more than 500rpm (in my driving lifetime the idle speed of cars has increased – my current Vauxhall Cavalier idles at around 825rpm), and if the engine rpm drops below the critical speed then the engine stalls. An internal combustion engine doesn't fire into its combustion cycle and run, merely by turning on the vehicle's ignition (go out and try this if you wish – you'll be in for a long wait), which is why vehicles have starter motors, to spin the engine up to the speed whereby combustion can commence, and thereby keep the engine turning over at sufficient speed to maintain the combustion cycle.

So, returning to the 'vehicle restart'. If, by whatever means during a UFO encounter, a vehicle's electrics fail to the point whereby the engine stalls – how does the engine restart when the flow of electricity is returned to normal? The engine will be at rest, and even if the ignition circuit becomes live again, how does the engine get spun up to the speed where the combustion cycle re-starts? Don't forget that the ignition and starter circuit of all modern cars are designed to prevent the driver from re-engaging the starter circuit while the engine is running (and thereby damage the starter motor rings), usually by a simple mechanical locking sequence in the ignition switch, forcing the driver to turn off the ignition before turning it back on again and then through to the start position (some even force the driver to remove the key and start the sequence again – mine does!) If a UFO, or other phenomena, has managed to exert some sort of electrical suppression field, how does the removal of this field then enable the electro/mechanical ignition switch to go through its starting sequence?

Comments are invited!

Encounter Paralysis

The Alien Abduction/Encounter 'paralysis' is

perhaps one of the most commonly-known facets of abduction lore, and indeed it goes back much further into the realms of encounters with all manner of other beings – the 'Little People', Incubus/Succubus attacks etc.

The effect of paralysis is commonly reported whereby the experiencer is unable to move a muscle, but is apparently wide-awake. Of course there is the accepted phenomena of waking paralysis that is recognised by the medical profession – does this perhaps explain all such paralysis events – personally I do not believe so.

However, there is one facet of the paralysis syndrome that does intrigue, and even worry me – and I speak as a researcher who is an experiencer. I don't think there is too much doubt that such paralysis is caused by an effect in the body's nervous system (which in common with the thoughts on vehicle interference may be caused by electrical fields). I accept that paralysis can occur by such means, but why do experiencers invariably have full recall of what they can see? Logically, since the optic nerve is one part of the same nervous system that is apparently inoperable throughout the rest of the body, the experiencer's sight should also be paralysed – to the point of blindness?

Again, comments are invited!

Open Day 2003.

I am proud to announce that we are very lucky indeed to have Darryl Sims (Mr. Alien Hunter) as our especially invited speaker at this year's event. Darryl will be holding a special 2 hrs seminar after the open day to specific ticket holders only (Max of 30 people only). So on the day, we will have 2 ticket prices. One just for the open day 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and another for the seminar from 3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m. So, book early and find details with this edition of the newsletter. We are hoping to get between 80 - 100 at this event this year, so come along and enjoy the experience.

Steve Gerrard (SFOG Chairman)

Build a UFO

Frighten your friends and neighbours with your very own UFO.

This can only be done on a cool, calm dark night. Blow a really large bubble. I suggest that you use the formula containing linseed. When you release the bubble it will rise because it is filled with warm air surrounded by the cool night air. When it gains altitude shine a powerful flashlight into it and it will reflect unusual rings of colour which can be mistaken for a UFO (Fig. 8).

Use your imagination

The rest is up to you. Invent games, improved bubble formula and blowing tubes. Good luck and clean up the mess in the kitchen when you finish.

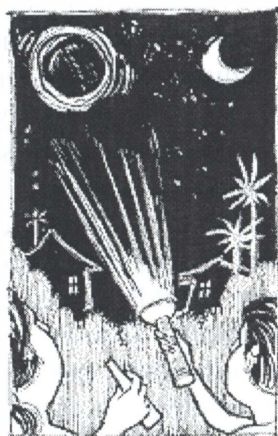


Figure 8

Bubble Formula

The solution used in making bubbles is as important as the bubble making device.

Quick start

If you want to get started blowing bubbles immediately, just mix up a bubble solution using liquid dish washing detergent. 1 part detergent and 15 parts

water. About one cup of water is all you will need to get started.

Selecting the right detergent

Using the right soap or detergent is important. Some detergents, especially if they are to be used in washing machines or dishwashers will contain anti-foaming ingredients. It is best to look for soap or detergent that will never be used in machines. A good choice is a liquid dish washing detergent that is exclusively for hand washing. The detergent that I have used in the following description is Joy Ultra® made by Procter and Gamble. This product may not be available in your country so you should try liquid detergents that are made locally.

Preparation

Anything that comes in contact with the solution should be clean. Any grease, alcohol or solid impurities left on mixing containers or bottles will adversely effect bubble production. The water you use can also adversely affect the solution. It is best to use "soft" water. Some water especially well water may contain minerals that are not desirable for bubble production. A good solution to start with is 1 part liquid detergent and 15 parts water.

Testing the solution

You can perform the following test to see if the solution you are using is as good as or better than mine.

In a controlled environment with the windows closed and no drafts do the following:

Blow a bubble exhaling ten times. After the tenth breath top the mouth end of the blowing tube and start

timing the life span of the bubbles. When the bubble bursts, record the time in minutes and seconds. Do this ten times and then sum the ten individual tests and divide by 10 to get an average life span of the bubble. My bubbles lasted an average 2:08.

Aging of the solution

You can improve on the solution just by leaving it stand in an open container overnight. Ten hours later I used the same solution and obtained an average life span of 3:29. This is an incredible 63% improvement over the newly prepared solution.

Super bubble blowing solution - yields 1 quart

If you are a perfectionist and want a really top-notch solution try the following:

In a one quart glass or Pyrex container add 1 cup of water. The next ingredient is unusual, its origins being where I live in Costa Rica. My wife Ana used "**linaza**" in here bubble blowing solution when she was a child. Linaza is Spanish for **linseed**. You can expect a 25% improvement in the longevity of your bubbles if you use linseed in the formula. Add one tablespoon of the linseed to the cup of water. Mix the solution so that the seeds sink. Boil until the solution develops a slight amber or yellow tint. This will occur after about 5 minutes of boiling. You must keep an eye on the boiling solution so that it does not foam over the edge. You can also boil it in a microwave oven setting the power to about 1/2 so that it cycles and does not froth over the edge.

Allow the solution to cool and then use a strainer to remove the seeds. Dip your finger in the solution and you will notice that it is now a mucus like, slippery substance.

Add water to this solution until you have

one quart of liquid. Add 1/4 cup of liquid dish washing detergent and stir without making bubbles. You can use this solution when it has cooled or leave it uncovered overnight and use it the next day. Under unfavourable conditions the solution may become rancid.

(SUFOG group secretary Steve Rider came across this article purely by chance whilst surfing the Internet... So, you would-be UFO Investigators **BE AWARE, BE VERY AWARE !!!**

UFO SIGHTINGS HOLD STEADY, WAVE PREDICTED IN MARCH.

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. UFO wave predicted in March, Raelian movement and irrational thought, Maine the vehicle was completely silent and very big, New York three flying triangles, Pennsylvania diamond oval shaped object, Maryland sphere strange bright lights, Virginia cigar shaped UFO affects car, North Carolina oval shaped UFO spotted, Georgia beacon in sky, Florida domed craft, Alabama egg causes battery failure, Iowa's hovering objects, Missouri white, red, and green lights, Kansas discs photographed, Oklahoma flying black cigar, Texas UFO with lights around the perimeter, Colorado teardrop, California pilot spots flying triangle, Canada three large circular objects, UK bright silver light, Italian sightings will set record in 2002, South Africa UFO follows satellite, and Australian spheres sighted. Letter from Priest and a Chimpanzee started Aids.

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic. Sir Arthur C. Clarke.

UFO WAVE PREDICTED IN MARCH 2003

Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D., and UFOCAT archivist for the Center for UFO Studies

writes, "Based upon a careful analysis of trends in historical UFO reports in the UFOCAT database, I am making the following prediction. There will be a worldwide UFO wave in the month of March 2003 that will reach its maximum between March 15 and March 25, 2003. I am reasonably confident that this wave will involve Northern Europe. Another likely region is the Pacific Ocean, including Japan and the Hawaiian Islands, and possibly the Alaskan Aleutian Islands. I wanted to go on the record now, a full seven weeks before the anticipated peak in UFO activity, before any upswing in reporting starts. I would like people to keep their eyes and ears open. I am reasonably certain about the timing, if extrapolations from previous peaks can be trusted. The worldwide wave, will probably not be centred in North America. A paper outlining my reasons for this prediction will follow. Thanks to Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D., UFOCAT archivist Centre for UFO Studies, ufocat@cufos.org

RAELIAN MOVEMENT AND IRRATIONAL THOUGHT

The Directors UFO Research Coalition composed of the J. Allen Hynek Centre for UFO Studies, the Mutual UFO Network, and the Fund for UFO Research announced on January 8, 2003 : LIMA, OHIO -- This is in response to a recent news release by the Raelian Movement, which supports human cloning, stating their belief in a claim by a French journalist that "on December 13, 1973 he was contacted by a "visitor from another planet and asked to establish an Embassy to welcome extraterrestrials as "the ones who made all life on Earth" begin and were "the origin of (our) main religions." It is important for all scientists (and others) to know that this claim is not supported by the community of serious researchers of the UFO phenomenon.

Furthermore, the support by the Raelian Movement of the Intelligent Design or I.D. Movement is evidence of their lack of the understanding and application of the scientific method or a true understanding of evolution. The officers, scholars, and other researchers associated with the J.Allen Hynek Centre for UFO Studies, the Mutual UFO Network, and the Fund for UFO Research, recognize that the scientific method of physical examination, replication, and being predictable must be applied to the serious study of the UFO phenomenon as reported by many hundreds of thousands of individuals worldwide over the history of the subject.

The anecdotal claims of conversations with purported unidentified entities or sightings of

unidentified flying objects require a very high level of organized analysis and study by scientists trained in many formal disciplines. The unverifiable anecdotal testimony of a 56-year-old former French magazine sportswriter does not meet the standards of credible evidence for the application of rational scientific thought. Nor does it justify the emergence of a new religion based upon only this unverifiable testimony. The explanation of the very real UFO phenomenon will ultimately depend upon sufficient acceptable scientific evidence and not upon declared adherence to a religious belief. Thanks to:

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Email: rofuf@konsulting.com/ Website: www.fufor.com Editor's Note: So far the Clonaid laboratory has failed to present evidence of successful cloning of a baby as claimed. The Clonaid founder Claude Vorilhon is leader of a sect called the Raelians. He claims a space alien visited him in 1973, revealed that life on Earth was created scientifically through DNA and genetic engineering by an extraterrestrial race called the Elohim. It is evident they have received hundreds of millions or dollars worth of publicity due to the cloning announcement.

MAINE UFO WAS COMPLETELY SILENT AND VERY BIG

HOLDEN -- The witnesses were leaving a New Years Party and were driving on Route 46 when they noticed two lights in the sky about a mile away that seemed stationary. The witness says, "I kept driving very slowly and trying to see them above the trees, and three miles down the road I spotted a large flying triangle coming toward us a couple hundred feet up." My girl friend saw it fly over our vehicle without any noise at all. It had green, pink, and yellow flashing lights and flew from east to west. I later talked to someone where I volunteer at the veterans clinic and her brother

had seen it also. Since, then I have had some strange mental images and missing minutes. I also have a place on my stomach that the skin is very dry and nothing helps to get rid of it. I have talked to my veterans counsellor about the incident. Thanks to bmj and Peter Davenport NUFORC

NEW YORK THREE FLYING TRIANGULAR OBJECTS

ALBANY -- The witnesses report going for a short night time stroll at 10 PM, on January 8, 2003, when one noticed a light out of the corner of his eye and looked up to see three flying triangular objects with a number of lights on each corner. The witness told his friends to look up and tell them, he was not losing his mind. Their mouths dropped as they also saw the three triangles. No one spoke; no one knew what to say or how to explain what they were seeing. Then the objects disappeared out of sight and it was like they had never even been there. We continued walking in silence not knowing what to say. I never believed in any of this until now! Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

PENNSYLVANIA DIAMOND OVAL SHAPED OBJECT

PITTSBURGH -- The witness was walking to the local Drug store on January 7, 2003, when he looked in the sky and saw a huge diamond shape craft. It was going across the sky extremely fast at 11:00 PM. The sighting lasted for a minute, then it was gone.

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP -- I was walking on the Appalachian Trail on January 7, 2003, with my dog around 5 PM, and my dog started to bark. I noticed an extremely bright light where my dog was barking. I ran towards my dog who was about 50 yards away and I noticed an oval shaped object lifting higher into the sky. By the time I caught up to my dog the oval shaped object was hovering around 100 feet above us. It moved back and forth for a few minutes, then zipped out of sight. I have never seen anything like this in my life. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

MARYLAND SPHERE STRANGE BRIGHT LIGHTS

WESTMINSTER -- The witness was walking his two dogs on January 4, 2003, and noticed a bright object in the sky over her neighbour's house and assumed it was a shooting star at 8:50 PM. The object was moving from west to east at

a steady pace. Then behind this object appeared three additional bright white light objects that would be the size of an egg held at arm's length. The light from these objects was as if it was revolving. There was no colour, just white light. Then there were two other groups of the objects that appeared out of the western sky and flew east out of my sight. No sound was made. The witness states, "They seemed to be about 1500 feet high, they were close, and I counted fifteen objects, and their flight pattern seemed to be in a straight line." I live two miles from the Westminster Airport and I'm used to seeing all types of flying craft, but at 46 years of age I've never seen anything like this before. I called my husband, who is a police officer for the state of Maryland and he tried to contact the local airport at 9 PM, but it was closed. We watched the news to see if anyone else reported the lights in the sky, but to no avail. NUFORC

VIRGINIA CIGAR SHAPED UFO AFFECTS CAR

FALLS CHURCH -- The witness reports, "I was going home from work on January 11, 2003, with a few associates and my car just stalled at one of the stop signs." I was surprised as it was a new car. I stepped out of the car to look in the hood and I saw a flash of light reflected from my car. I looked up and I saw this long lighted flying thing, which was there for a few seconds and then disappeared. I did not think much of the sighting, but when it disappeared my car started by itself, without turning the keys in the ignition. NUFORC

NORTH CAROLINA TRIANGLE WITH PHOTOS AND VIDEO

CHARLOTTE -- I was coming home from my girlfriend's house around 7 PM, on January 6, 2003. I came up my road (there's a hill on my street) and I saw a triangular formation of three extremely bright, round lights up in the sky. They were about 200 feet up and a mile or so away. I jumped out of my car, ran in to tell my mother and she ran out and we both stood in our back yard staring at the lights. They hovered in the sky without moving for about two minutes and the lower "UFO" in the triangle drifted up and to the right towards one of the other "UFO's." Once it got close, the upper right "UFO" flew off out of sight at incredible speed. The "UFO" on the other side did the same shortly after that. One UFO was left hovering in the sky, with its bright light kind of twinkling.

The single UFO light came on and went off and on for the next hour. It flew random zigzag floating actions in the sky. My father came home later that night and saw it too. He said, "Oh my God, I thought you guys were joking!" - The weird thing is that it was so windy that night, and the entire sky had a sort of pale amber tint to it. Our gate in the back yard kept slamming shut and my Mom told me that earlier in the day she had heard a very loud noise around where the lights were coming from. Also the pets were acting weird. The objects were not moving at all times, so they were definitely not airplanes. They were close enough to us, that if they were helicopters we would have definitely heard them. Plus, any type of aircraft I've ever seen is not capable of disappearing out of sight at the speed these did. Very spooky, something strange is definitely going on. We have pictures and video. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

GEORGIA BEACON LIGHT IN SKY

MUFONGA's Olivia Newton of Lilburn reported that a family member living in Dekalb County had reported a spectacular light observed on December 4, at about 10:15 PM. The witness described an extremely brilliant white light travelling horizontally at about 20 degrees off of the horizon. It was completely silent, and was the size of a baseball at arm's length. This witness is particularly observant and reliable; a retired law enforcement official of the State Game and Fish Commission.

LAGRANGE -- On January 4, 2003, MUFONGA's reliable source was outside for about two minutes at 7:00 PM, and observed another unusual "beacon" type of light in the sky. Rather than being stationary, it was moving east, and was blinking off and on at about ten-second intervals. She described it as a sort of "slow-glow" type of illumination. The light would come on slowly, then fade out slowly at ten-second intervals. Again, this witness was raised in an aviation family and indicates that what she has been observing is unlike any normal aircraft lights with which she is familiar. Past interaction with this source has revealed that she is VERY objective.

MUFON's Tom Sheets says, "I was standing with John Thompson next to a field in the boonies near Lagrange a few weeks before our Leonids Skywatch. We were comparing the appearance of distant aircraft landing lights when a REAL MONSTER rock slid in and burned up right overhead. Truly awesome, nothing during all of our Leonids activities even compared. As to the 5 Jan Lagrange "slow-glow" lights, I can recall nothing similar in my

sky watching, which includes living and working around Hartsfield Airport for many years. We have to consider several factors that might influence any night observations of lights or meteors...the atmospheric conditions both low and high, humidity, haze, pollution, the eyesight of the witness etc. At any rate, it's difficult to make any firm determination on unusual events occurring in darkness, far away, silent, and oft times happening very quick.

On January 8, 2003, indicates that Senior White House reporter Sarah McClendon, 92 years old, passed away. Ms. Sarah served in the White House press corps beginning during the tenure of FDR (!) and continuing right up through her recent illness. She was a friend to the UFO community, and a few years ago was solidly behind efforts to get the UFO issue before Congress. I still use one of her positive articles in the orientation of new MUFONGA members who have never had deep exposure to Ufology. Thanks to Tom Sheets Georgia Director of MUFON. Editor's Note: I spent several hours with Sarah, she was a wonderful lady and I for one will miss her.

FLORIDA DAYLIGHT SIGHTING OF DOMED CRAFT

WINTER SPRINGS -- While standing in my backyard on January 11, 2003, with a friend, I spotted a bright object coming from the southwest at 12:10 PM. It was very high up and moving in a slow, straight line and faded into the east. I asked my friend to have a look and we watched the object for 5 minutes. With binoculars, the object was somewhat flat on the bottom and domed on top. Not like pictures of flying saucers that I've seen. The top was domed like half of a circle. The object seemed compact in shape, not long and stretched out like an airplane. The object was a very strange shade of green, kind of lime collared, and never changed it's brightness. It was almost as if the brightness was a light and not necessarily the colour of the object. It was VERY bright.

ALABAMA EGG UFO CAUSES BATTERY FAILURE

MOUNDVILLE -- Two egg shaped objects with lights were observed moving in a 'Z' pattern on January 6, 2003, by several witnesses. The witness stated, "The batteries

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and lights on our vehicle stopped when two egg shaped objects approached us. We were in the Talladega National Forest when two egg shaped objects about the size of the tops of trees were observed. When the lights flashed it illuminated the sky and the whole area. The lights were red, yellow, and blue. They moved left and right and up and down sort of in a Z shape. When we approached the lights and battery needle stopped in our vehicle. One object came about 50 yards from our vehicle, then it immediately left. This object was spotted off and on for over an hour.

MINNESOTA DISK CHANGES COLORS

WINNEBAGO -- At about 8:30 AM, on January 2, 2003, my husband noted a bright light in the sky and told my 15 year old foster son and I, "Come and look at the UFO." Not really believing him, we looked thinking he was foolish. We saw at first a bright light and then as we watched, it began to change colours in a circler motion. We saw a disk shape craft with lights that circled around the craft changing

colours from white, to red, green, and blue. It hovered for the longest time and then began to come a little closer. I got the binoculars and looked and I could see it was in a disk shape or like what you would see in the television shows. The coolest part was that we were able to see what appeared to be windows all along the top half of the craft. The UFO stayed around for an hour and a half. My 21 year old daughter and I saw it again the next night. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC .

IOWA HOVERING OBJECT WITH LIGHTS

AURELIA -- Julie W. reports, "I was driving home from work at 8:10 PM, on January 2, 2003, and I noticed a bright object in the northeast sky and noticed that there were red, green and white lights on the object that was not moving. It was at that time that I noticed another hovering object exactly like the other one to the southeast. Then I noticed an airplane above the object on my left, and that made it very evident that what I was watching was just sitting there. I got within a half mile from Aurelia, and tried to call my husband but, the phone was busy. When I got home I told him what I had seen and that I had tried to call, he said he hadn't been on the phone. Also, my computer was really having problems--my connection is through a satellite. I had a similar experience several years ago in NW Iowa, only there were many more UFOs, and my children and I witnessed a one only a couple of hundred feet away. Thanks to John Hoppe, Director UFOWisconsin, <http://www.ufowisconsin.com>

MISSOURI LIGHTS MOVE IN UNBELIEVABLE FORMATIONS

BLUE SPRINGS -- The witness reports, "My girlfriend and I observed a bright flashing light in the sky on January 1, 2003, with the colours changing from white to red to green in that sequence." The object hovered in one spot for 30 seconds and then began to move in random directions. While moving, the object would change it's rate of speed constantly and then stopped suddenly. It was higher than any helicopter could fly and made sharp movements that airplane could not. It also moved in a small circular motion followed by a slightly larger circle. Another object had the same light pattern on it and moved in the same formations as the original almost as if the two where communicating. I stopped watching at 6:30 AM. I hadn't had anything to drink.

KANSAS DISKS PHOTOGRAPHED

WICHITA -- Matt Hitt phoned to tell me he was at the local mall on January 8, 2003, when he noticed a disk shaped craft flying over the area. He went into the local drug store and purchased a camera and film and started photographing at 5:20 PM. His taking photos of the sky caused a crowd to form and look at the UFOs flying overhead. An Air Force Captain dressed in uniform was amazed to see the disks. He pointed and said, "That's not a plane!" He claimed he was a pilot and had never seen UFOs or anything like that. Their were heavy contrails high in the sky and the UFOs were flying around below the contrails. Matt called me immediately after the sighting and seemed quite excited. Thanks to Matt Hitt

OKLAHOMA GRAY CIGAR UFO HOVERING OVER FIELDS

ENID TO TULSA -- The witness was driving back from Enid on January 2, 2003, when he saw a silver/black cigar like object far away past the hills at 4:30 PM. It rocked slowly back and forth like a leaf falling, but not falling. After two minutes it was gone, leaving no trail, no fast bang, or light.

COLORADO UNIDENTIFIED TEARDROP SHAPED OBJECT

PAYTON -- The witness reports seeing an unidentified object that looked like a flying teardrop and was circling around the sky at 7:37 PM, for about five minutes on January 1, 2003. The craft flew back and fourth in a straight line. The craft was a metallic silver and had one florescent light. There were planes in the area, but the lights on these planes blinked, while this did not blink and moved at a comparatively slow pace. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

CALIFORNIA PILOT SPOTS FLYING TRIANGLES

SAN JOSE -- Near dusk at 5:20 PM, a private pilot saw two black, triangles hovering in a very slow flight pattern on January 1, 2003. The sky was still bright blue and these triangles did not fly like our planes or birds. The witness said, "I watched for ten minutes as they headed from the east to the west and then slowly, back toward the west again." They moved progressively closer together, and appeared to be about 45,000 feet altitude. Several jumbo jets passed underneath at 15-20,000 feet during my observation. The flying triangles were clearly not flying like the planes, nor did they look anything like any kinds of planes I have ever seen. I am a private pilot and quite

familiar with the flight patterns in this area. I have also observed many birds of prey such as hawks and eagles and these craft were not like any bird. This is the first time I have ever observed anything like this. I have always been extremely skeptical about UFO's and have not really thought they were anything but mistaken identities. However, these objects were clearly some kind of object that I could not identify.

SPRING VALLEY -- My family and I were sitting in the back yard about twenty-five minutes after midnight right after the New Year's started. We were all talking, when I saw a bright orange reddish light coming from the north; I told every one, "Do you guys see that?" It was very bright and flying very slow. When it got closer, the lights started to dim and then they would get bright again, then it started to go west very slow almost to a stop. It started to drop something we could not figure out what it was. Then it started to go west and we could see spinning lights, and finally the light turned off.

BURBANK -- My wife and I are musicians we were retiring home on January 1, 2003, and were unloading our equipment. I had asked my son (age 15) and his friend to help me unload our truck I glanced to look up for Orion and immediately noticed six moving stars that I didn't recognize. They were orangish yellow in colour and in a pattern like thin #4. I called to my son, his friend and my wife. The craft was travelling in northwest and very high (could've been 100-200 miles). We all noticed that they began to turn southwest. The turn was abrupt and they formed another pattern similar to the Big Dipper. They continued to extend starting to form a single line and then one by one seemed to shoot straight up out of sight. I did also notice that one or two seemed to have smaller lights shooting out from them before they disappeared.

BURBANK -- On New Year's Eve my family went outside to bang some pots and pans and shoot off our party poppers at our friends home. During the celebration I looked up at a very clear sky and noticed two orange/red orbs glowing and moving very slow across the sky. One was in front of the other. The orbs were travelling west and sparks or fire of some sort, like a sparkler trailed off from the fireball. The shapes took a turn and started heading north and they both burned out within five seconds of each other. My sister and I had seen some five weeks

ago heading east across the sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

ITALIAN SIGHTINGS IN 2002 WILL SET NEW RECORD

ITALIAN UFO NEWSFLASH 381--The Italian Centre for UFO Studies (Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici, CISU) reports, "The drop in reports in the month of December notwithstanding, 2002 went out as a record-setting year, for sightings and reports of UFO phenomena in Italy." As of this writing, in fact, the number of cases histories gathered and filed by the Italian Centre for UFO Studies (CISU) totals 724 for last year, compared with the 796 which made the preceding 2001 one of the richest periods of the last 24 years. It is expected that in the coming months -- as usual -- the total of cases for 2002 will grow to surpass that of 2001, which at this point a year ago saw "only" 630 cases. This result is, in part, due to the always-increasing efficiency of the CISU telematic working group on the Italian caselog, which by now is fully operational and manages to systematically monitor the reports gathered from every available source. The month-by-month distribution of Italian sightings for 2002 was less spotty than that for 2001, which was much more cantered around a summer flap. Lombardy and Emilia-Romagna turned out to be the richest regions for reports, followed by Veneto and Tuscany; and the usual prevalence of Northern Italy was confirmed, with 56% of the observations. More detailed information is on the CISU Website at www.cisu.org Thanks to Giorgio Abraini

LEBANON DISKS

BEIRUT -- On January 3, 2003, two unidentified objects were seen over Beirut at 8:23 PM. Each craft was different. One was saucer shaped and the other was like an oval and there was much light surrounding each of them. The craft were visible for fifteen minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

SOUTH AFRICA THE CRAFT FOLLOWED A SATELLITE

PORT ELIZABETH -- From south westerly direction towards the south easterly direction crossing the path off the satellite four times and then vanished on January 1, 2003, a stream off exhaust fumes could be seen behind the craft. ((NUFORC Note: Witness describes self as having significant technical experience. PD))

AUSTRALIA THREE SPHERES SIGHTED

SYDNEY -- In the suburbs directly west of Central Business District on January 13, 2003. Dominika went outside to move the garden sprinkler at 11:10 PM. She looked up and saw three spheres below the clouds east of us and called out to me. I joined her outside, it was apparent that this was not normal air traffic. They glowed orange red, made no sound and travelled very slowly west. The first sphere was larger and maintained a steady speed and luminosity. The other two stopped occasionally and dimmed and brightened, then continued. They took a couple of minutes to get about 10 km west of us then faded and disappeared. They were several times larger than airplanes. Normal air traffic was absent for another half hour after. Thanks to Paul Van Komen iridium188@today.com.au. <http://www.today.com.au>

PRIEST GIVES HIS OPINION

I thought about your statement of "messengers" and I am very familiar with the thought of superior technology from two or three thousand years ago. We always look at things as though we have a "lock" on technology -- as if there cannot be another civilization in the Universe which exceeds us in knowledge. The complicated part of accepting "technically superior messengers" doing God's work is that you then have to think about God and the role played by this Supreme Architect of the Universe! This frightens people -- and more so, It really frightens the church! Those that are in charge of "protecting" the sacredness of the church (bishops), shut their minds when it comes to the possibilities of ET's and higher level beings. Unfortunately, the thought of anything other than what we can see and touch in the here and now is too much for many people, so we have to deal with (be tolerant of) the denial by the church and the masses that follow dogmatic teaching! One of these days it will all be revealed without question . . . unfortunately, there will still be those that will not accept it! So, we just keep going on, collecting the evidence, and living our lives as best we can! Actually, when you get right down to it, it's all we can do, no matter what the circumstances! Have a great day -- will keep in touch? Father. T